THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): The total sanctioned cost for setting up of new Railway Division at Ahmedabad is Rs. 13.26 crore. The likely expenditure on this work is Rs. 6.00 crore approximately upto 2004-05 and a further outlay of Rs. 4.00 crore has been provided in the Railway Budget 2005-06 based on overall allocation of funds.

Appointment of doctors for Primary Health facility to Passengers

†2187. SHRI KAILRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering to appoint doctors to provide primary health care facility to the railway passengers in the long distance trains and on the important stations; and

(b) if so, the names of the such trains and stations and by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Iron-Ore production

†2188. SHRI SURENDRA LATH:
SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of iron-ore produced during the last two years and the names of the countries to which iron-ore was exported alongwith the quantum of such export to each country;

(b) whether it is a fact that some private sector companies like 'POSCO' have been permitted to commission steel plant in the country with the guarantee of supply of iron-ore and also with permission to export; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor in view of less production of iron-ore in the country as compared to its requirement?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The production of iron ore during last two years is as mentioned below:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(Qty. in million tonnes)

Year	Production
2003-04(Provisional)	120.60
2004-05(Estimated)	145.00

(Source: FIMI/IBM)

The details of export of iron ore to various countries are as below:

(Qty. in lakh tonnes)

Name of the country	2003-04	2004-05(Prov.)
China	420.59	593.99
Japan	131.00	111.31
S. Korea	21.45	21.78
Taiwan	8.80	6.08
Europe	24.70	28.90
Others	19.25	119.38
TOTAL:	625.79	781.45

(Source: MMTC)

(b) and (c) Governments of some mineral rich States, like Orissa, have signed memorandums of understanding (MoU) with steel companies which, *inter-alia*, includes an undertaking from the State Government for grant of prospecting licenses and mining leases of iron ore for captive use. This reflects the desire of these States to use their natural resources for their rapid industrialization. Normally, the undertaking to grant mining leases, would stipulate the use of the iron ore only for captive purposes. In the specific case of POSCO, the MoU signed between Government of Orissa and the company, only envisages limited swapping of high alumina content iron ore with low alumina content iron ore of equal quantity on a net nil export basis within the framework of the applicable Export-Import Policy of the Government. No reserve of iron ore for the purpose of direct export is provided for in the MoU. Further the production of iron ore has always been more than the demand/requirement or iron ore in the country.